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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-51 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huemoeller et al. (5,855,006 hereinafter Huemoeller) in view of publication by Borden titled "Contacts for the Web and Desktop" hereinafter Borden ".

With respect to claims 1-4, 9-15, 18-24, 26-29, 33-40, 43-49 and 51, Huemoeller teaches an event planning process by a server system in a computer network including a plurality of user terminals communicatively coupled with the server system via the network (Figures 19-21). Providing an even planning user interface at a user terminal, the interface enabling a user to plan an event (Figures 3-6); receiving event information input by the user, said event information indicating a scheduled event (Figures 3-6).

Huemoeller does not specifically teach at least one invitee to be invited to the scheduled event by providing an invitation to said invitee. Borden teaches a database of contacts (invitee) and sending e-mail invitations to the invitee that they can either accept or decline(RSVP)(page 2). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included providing an invitation to the invitee because such a modification would allow the user to save time and money by integrating the event planning process with the invitation process system.

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With respect to requiring a payment as defined by the RSVP fees and receiving the payment information. Since the combination of Huemoeller and Borden teach that the message is sent with a RSVP request then it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included requiring a payment because such a modification would allow the user to obtain finance in advance for the event.

With respect to claims 5, 6, 30 and 31, the claims further recite sending a post card and via a fax with a universal resource location for accessing the invitation web page via the network. Official notice is taken that it is old and well known in the communication arts to have included a fax, a post card with the invitation including a universal resource locator for accessing the invitation web page via the network. For example, for certain wedding invitations, the invitee receives a post card or the like in which an URL is printed on the post card and the invitee can access the invitation by accessing the URL. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included sending a post card and via a fax with a universal resource location for accessing the invitation web page via the network because such a modification would provide a lower cost process of invitation by allowing the invitee to access an URL rather than printing and mailing an invitation by regular mail.

With respect to claims 7 and 32, the claims further recite receiving information by plain telephone system via an interactive voice response system. Official notice is taken that a plain telephone system is an interactive voice response system used for various purposes including to provide an invitation. It would have been obvious to a person of

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ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included receiving information by plain telephone system via an interactive voice response system because such a modification would provide a more personal contact.

With respect to claim 8, further recites providing a plurality of invitation template each associated with the different event. Official notice is taken that providing a plurality of invitation template each associated with the different event would allow customization of the different events. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included providing a plurality of invitation template each associated with the different event in order to achieve the above mentioned advantage.

With respect to claims 16, 17, 41 and 42, further recites specifying who can view the posted messages. Official notice is taken that specifying who can view or download a message is old and well known to provide a more secure system. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included specifying who can view the posted messages in order to provide the above mentioned advantage.

Claims 25 and 50 further recite selecting an invitee from a member of an affiliated organization. Official notice is taken that selecting invitee from an affiliated group or organization is old and well known to provide the selection process to be from a desired group of people. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention to have included selecting an invitee from a member of an affiliated organization in order to obtain the above mentioned advantage.

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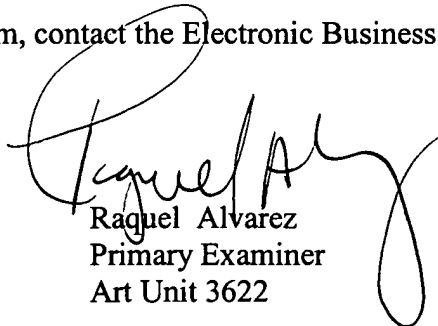
Point of contact

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raquel Alvarez whose telephone number is (703)305-0456. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric w Stamber can be reached on (703)305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

For the upcoming move to the new Alexandria office, everyone has been assigned new phone and RightFax numbers. My new phone number will be : 571-272-6715, my supervisor's phone number will be: 571-272-6724.. This changes will not happen until April 2005 (or later) and therefore our current numbers are still in service until the move.

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